



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

Master's in History

American Studies

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'Students come to American Studies from many backgrounds, making ours a lively community. And there might be no more interesting moment than right now to be an Americanist outside the U.S.'

'America' is a myth as much as a concrete reality. In this Master's programme, you will study the United States – from both inside and outside – historically and with an eye toward the present. You will explore politics and foreign policy, but also the culture that has influenced, and reflected, the world.

American Studies is an interdisciplinary programme based in the history department. Students come from a wide range of backgrounds and write original theses on subjects of their own choosing. 'What is American Studies?' has no single answer, because every student must answer it anew.

Career prospects

The United States looms disproportionately large in contemporary life and media. A deeper understanding of America's hidden histories is a key tool for understanding this influential culture. That is what this programme offers: insight into the world we live in and the world that will confront graduates in their future careers.

As a graduate, you will gain vital skills related to research, writing and argumentation. In addition, you will gain a critical understanding of the country's past and present, developing the ability to link academic knowledge to the contemporary world. The deep knowledge of the United States you acquire will be a strong currency in a global age.

Spotlight on a course

America inside out

This seminar explores foreign perspectives of the United States: prose, poetry, music and visual arts from many regions, illuminating hitherto unseen dimensions of American culture and the impact of the U.S. abroad. The United States could be the "land of the future," the 20th-century archetype of youth and modernity that lent itself to both critique and admiration from outside observers. But it was also a site of imagined backwardness, reaction, age, or imperial decline. You are encouraged to approach American culture and society from a new angle.

Entry requirements

The Master's in American Studies is open to students with a university Bachelor's diploma in:

- History

The programme is also open to students with one of the following Bachelor's diplomas:

- English Language and Culture*
- Media and Culture*
- Communication Science*
- Political Science*
- Sociology*
- European Studies*

* provided you have successfully followed a Minor in American Studies or have obtained 30 ECTS through courses relating to American culture and history. The Examinations Board will decide whether you meet this prerequisite on the basis of your application.

For more information, please check:

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Key data

Degree

Master of Arts
in History

Duration

1 year / 60 ECTS

Mode

Full-time / Part-time

Start

1 September

Language of instruction

English

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